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An Act Providing for a Comprehensive Water Quality Management and for other Purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Declaration of Principles and Policies

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004."
Article 2

Definition of Terms

The word "water" as used in this Act:

SEC. 4. Definition of Term.

Water will mean all substances that are living in the surface or underground, such as streams, rivers, lakes, wells, springs, and other sources of water that are used for water supply, public health and safety, and other purposes.
The policy guideline implements the Environmental Management Act of 1992 and its implementing rules and regulations (IRR), which, among other things, promote the efficient use and protection of water resources. The policy guideline aims to balance the needs of the environment, human health, and economic development by establishing principles and standards for the management of water resources.

1. **Water Resources Management System**
   - **Drinking Water**
     - Means water intended for human consumption or use in food preparation.
   - **Water Right**
     - Refers to the right or interest in water resources.
   - **Environmental Management System**
     - Refers to a system designed to manage environmental impacts of human activities, including water use.

2. **Water Use and Management**
   - **Hydrological Cycle**
     - Refers to the natural processes by which water is cycled through the environment.
   - **Hydrology**
     - Is the study of the processes that govern the use of water sources.

3. **Water Quality**
   - **Water Quality Standards**
     - Are criteria that specify the acceptable levels of pollutants in water sources.
   - **Pollution Control**
     - Refers to measures taken to prevent, control, or reduce pollution in water sources.

4. **Water Conservation**
   - **Water Conservation Measures**
     - Include practices such as water efficiency, recycling, and reusing water.
   - **Wastewater Treatment**
     - Refers to the process of treating wastewater to make it safe for reuse or discharge.

5. **Water Allocation**
   - **Water Allocation Plan**
     - A plan that outlines how water resources will be distributed among various uses.
   - **Water Rights**
     - Refers to the legal entitlement to use water resources.

6. **Water Policy and Legislation**
   - **Water Policy**
     - A statement of principles and objectives pertaining to water resources.
   - **Water Legislation**
     - Refers to laws and regulations governing the use and management of water resources.

7. **Water Management Practice**
   - **Water Management Practice**
     - Refers to the implementation of policies and practices to manage water resources effectively.
   - **Water Supply and Distribution**
     - Refers to the process of delivering water to consumers.

8. **Water Resources Development**
   - **Water Resources Development Projects**
     - Include projects aimed at increasing the availability and accessibility of water resources.
   - **Water Resources Management**
     - Refers to the ongoing process of managing water resources to meet the needs of society.

This policy guideline provides a framework for the sustainable management of water resources in the Philippines, ensuring that the needs of the environment, human health, and economic development are balanced.
provide technical assistance to the implementing agencies;

(b) Support research, enforcement and monitoring activities;

c) Guarantee environmental and ecological sustainability of the affected areas;

g) Finance containment and clean-up operations of the government in water pollution cases;

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To finance the following:

The National Treasury will be allocated a special fund in coordination with other concerned agencies, a special fund in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture.


The Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be responsible for the enforcement of the national program on sewage and sanitary disposal of sewage. The program is in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health (DOH), and other concerned agencies.

SEC. 10. Domestic Water Supply and Sanitation Management Program

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The Department shall be under the provision of the Local Government Code.

Programmatic compliance with the environmental impact assessment requirements of the Department may only be allowed for the following purposes:

- Development of infrastructure projects involving the Department.
- Development of projects under the Department's jurisdiction.
- Development of projects under the Department's control.

Programmatic compliance with the environmental impact assessment requirements of the Department is subject to the following conditions:

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SEC. 1.
Financial Liability Mechanism

Article 3

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SEC. 11.
Programmatic Compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Requirements of the Department

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SEC. 12.
Developmental projects involving the Department.

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SEC. 13.
Clean-Up Operations.

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SEC. 14.
Discharge Points.

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Discussion: In Section 22, it is mandatory to develop a coherent strategy with government agencies, citizens, and stakeholders to align the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives of the organization. This involves:

1. Identifying and engaging with stakeholders in the development and implementation of ESG metrics and objectives.
2. Establishing clear communication channels to facilitate information sharing and collaboration.
3. Developing a comprehensive risk management framework to identify and mitigate potential risks associated with ESG issues.

The effectiveness of this strategy is evaluated through the following metrics:

- Reporting: Regular reporting to stakeholders on progress and outcomes.
- Transparency: Making the ESG strategy and performance transparent to the public.
- Accountability: Ensuring that individuals and departments are accountable for meeting ESG targets.

For example, the performance of a renewable energy project can be evaluated based on:

- Energy efficiency:
- Environmental impact:
- Social benefits:

These metrics are used to assess the overall effectiveness of the ESG strategy and to identify areas for improvement.

Institutional Mechanism

Chapter 3

The institutional mechanism for implementing the ESG strategy is established according to the following principles:

- Integration: ESG considerations are integrated into all decision-making processes.
- Accountability: Responsibility for ESG performance is clearly defined and monitored.
- Transparency: Information on ESG performance is made publicly available.

This ensures that the ESG strategy is effectively implemented and that stakeholders are kept informed of progress and outcomes.
Phillipine Coastal Zone Management Act (RC No. 7685) has the following provisions:

1. The President shall establish the Philippine Coastal Zone Management Council (PCZMC) to coordinate the implementation of the Act.

2. The Council shall consist of not more than 15 members, appointed by the President, representing various interests such as government agencies, local government units, and environmental groups.

3. The Council shall formulate and implement policies and guidelines for the management and protection of the coastal zone.

4. The Council shall establish a program for the identification, mapping, and monitoring of critical areas in the coastal zone.

5. The Council shall establish a program for the conservation and sustainable development of coastal areas.

6. The Council shall establish a program for the rehabilitation and protection of coastal areas.

7. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone education and awareness.

8. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone recreation and tourism.

9. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone research and development.

10. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone management and monitoring.

11. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone resource management and conservation.

12. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone disaster preparedness and response.

13. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone economic development and job creation.

14. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone legal and institutional frameworks.

15. The Council shall establish a program for the promotion of coastal zone international cooperation and exchange of information.

Section 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) are responsible for implementing the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. The DENR shall develop and implement programs and projects for the conservation and protection of the coastal zone in coordination with the LGUs.

Section 4. The DENR shall develop and implement programs and projects for the rehabilitation and restoration of the coastal zone in coordination with the LGUs.

Section 5. The DENR shall develop and implement programs and projects for the sustainable development of the coastal zone in coordination with the LGUs.

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CHAPTER IV

INCENTIVES AND REWARDS

Incentives and rewards are provided to encourage the participation of research institutions and private sector in the pollution control program. The following incentives are provided:

1. Financial Incentives
   - Grants and subsidies
   - Tax breaks
   - Tax deductions
   - Reduced rates for pollution control equipment

2. Non-Financial Incentives
   - Recognition and awards
   - Public acknowledgment
   - Access to technology transfer

SEC. 23. Requirement of Record-Keeping. Any person who causes or permits the discharge of any hazardous substance into water shall keep full and accurate records of all discharges, pollution control equipment installed, and any other relevant information. The records shall be maintained for at least five years after the discharge.


SEC. 30. Departmental Coordination and Cooperation. The Department shall coordinate and cooperate with other government agencies and private sector organizations in the implementation of this act.
CHAPTER 5

CIVIL LIABILITY/PENAL PROVISIONS
official concerned shall be subject to administrative sanctions in case of
the Water Quality Management Act - Local Government
SECC 2. Administrative Sanctions Against Non-compliance with

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